

**Minutes – Organization Night  
April 2, 2012**

Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Monday, April 2, 2012 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue Mineola, New York 11501. The meeting commenced at 7:05 PM

**PRESENT:** Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Justice John P. O'Shea  
Acting Village Justice Richard M. O'Callaghan  
Village Attorney John Spellman  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero

**Press Observer:** Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*  
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch.com*

*Village Attorney John Spellman served as the Master of Ceremonies.*

The evening began with Mineola Fire Department's Presentation of the Colors.

Hon. John S. DaVanzo led the Pledge of Allegiance accompanied by American Legion Commander Sal Cataldo and Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Manny Grilo.

Stephanie Flaum of the Mineola High School A Cappella Singers performed the National Anthem.

Brother Thomas J. Cleary of Chaminade High School offered an Invocation.

Mayor Scott P. Strauss delivered welcoming remarks.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato was sworn in by Nassau County District Court Judge Scott Fairgrieve.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira was sworn in by New York State Senator Jack M. Martins.

**Resolution No. 70-12**

Resolved to approve the appointments of the following Village Officials:

2012 APPOINTMENTS

VILLAGE CLERK	JOSEPH R. SCALERO
DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK	CORA T. KELLY
REGISTRAR	JOSEPH R. SCALERO
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	CEU LOPES
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	THOMAS J. RINI
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	LEONARD M. PALUMBO
SUPERINTENDENT BUILDING DEPARTMENT	DANIEL B. WHALEN
TREASURER	GIACOMO A. CICCONE
DEPUTY TREASURER	DONNA AXELSON
SECRETARY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	PETER SMITH
ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR	MARTA DE SOUSA
ASSISTANT ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR	ANNA ATHAN
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	CHARLES SLEEFE
COURT CLERK OF THE JUSTICE COURT	VALERIE PASSARELLA
ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE	RICHARD M. O'CALLAGHAN
VILLAGE ATTORNEY	JOHN SPELLMAN
DEPUTY VILLAGE ATTORNEY	JOHN P. GIBBONS, JR.
DEPUTY VILLAGE ATTORNEY	BENJAMIN J. TRUNCALE, JR.
DEPUTY VILLAGE ATTORNEY	PETER S. TRENTACOSTE
VILLAGE PROSECUTOR	JOHN P. GIBBONS, JR.
DEPUTY PROSECUTOR	BENJAMIN J. TRUNCALE, JR.

DEPUTY PROSECUTOR	PETER S. TRENTACOSTE
SPECIAL RETAINED COUNSEL	SPELLMAN RICE SHURE GIBBONS MCDONOUGH POLIZZI & TRUNCALE, LLP
COUNSEL TO THE LIBRARY BOARD	RUSSELL BURCHER
COUNSEL TO THE ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING AND REVIEW/ PLANNING BOARD	BENJAMIN J. TRUNCALE, JR.

POOL RECREATION BOARD

JAY MONACO	167 ELDERBERRY ROAD	MINEOLA, NY 11501
RICHARD MAHER	147 WALKER ROAD	MINEOLA, NY 11501

LIBRARY BOARD

MICHAEL VEZZI	100 CLINTON AVE, APT 2M	MINEOLA, NY 11501
MARYANNE WARNECKE	181 LINCOLN AVE	MINEOLA, NY 11501

PLANNING BOARD / ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

NELSON INES	169 WARDWELL RD	MINEOLA, NY 11501
NICHOLAS PENNACCHIO	241 COLUMBUS PARKWAY	MINEOLA, NY 11501

BOARD OF ETHICS

VINCENT CARDINAL	185 POMANDER ROAD	MINEOLA, NY 11501
JOAN HOBBS	246 GARFIELD AVENUE	MINEOLA, NY 11501
RUSS SUTHERLAND	3 BIRCHWOOD CT., APT 2H	MINEOLA, NY 11501
CHET EASTON	182 MAIN STREET	MINEOLA, NY 11501
KEN SOLOSKY	348 HORTON HWY	MINEOLA, NY 11501

ZONING BOARD

WILLIAM GRIMM, JR.	96 WHEELER AVENUE	MINEOLA, NY 11501
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ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN

JOHN MACEDO	115 WASHINGTON AVENUE	MINEOLA, NY 11501
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ASSESSORS

RICHARD MAHER	147 WALKER ROAD	MINEOLA, NY 11501
EUGENE MARTONIK	158 NUGENT STREET	NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11040
PAUL WOTZAK	6 RAYMOND STREET	GLEN COVE, NY 11542

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 71-12**

Resolved to designate Trustee Paul A. Pereira as Deputy Mayor.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 72-12**

Resolve to approve the list of public meetings and public hearings.

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Dates of Meetings for**

## 2012-2013

<b>2012:</b>	Wednesday	April 4	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	April 11	6:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	April 18	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting or Public Hearing
	Wednesday	May 2	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	May 16	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting or Public Hearing
	Wednesday	May 23	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Hearing
	Wednesday	June 6	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	June 13	6:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	June 20	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Hearing
	Wednesday	July 11	6:30 pm	Public Meeting or Public Hearing
	Wednesday	Aug. 1	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	Aug. 8	6:30 pm	Public Meeting or Public Hearing
	Wednesday	Sept. 5	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	Sept. 12	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	Sept. 19	6:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting or Public Hearing
	Wednesday	Oct. 3	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	Oct. 10	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	Oct. 17	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting or Public Hearing
	Wednesday	Nov. 7	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	Nov. 14	6:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	Dec. 5	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	Dec. 12	6:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	Dec. 19	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting or Public Hearing
<b>2013:</b>	Wednesday	Jan. 2	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	Jan. 9	6:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	Jan. 16	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting or Public Hearing
	Wednesday	Feb. 6	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	Feb. 13	6:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	Feb. 20	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting or Public Hearing
	Wednesday	Mar. 6	6:30 pm/7:30 pm	Work Session/Public Meeting
	Wednesday	Mar. 13	6:30 pm	Public Hearing/Work Session
	Wednesday	Mar. 20	6:30 pm	Certify Election Results

NOTE: Work Sessions of the Board of Trustees ordinarily commence at 6:30 pm and continue after Public Meetings and Hearings. Additional Public Hearing dates may be set by the Board of Trustees from time to time. All Work Sessions and other Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees are open to the public for observation in accordance with law unless a motion shall have been passed to go into Executive Session or a conference with counsel is requested. On evenings when Public Hearings are scheduled prior to a Public Meeting, the Public Meeting will begin at 7:30 pm or after the Hearing, whichever is later. All dates are subject to change.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

### **Vote:**

#### **Yes**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

#### **No**

#### **Absent**

### **Resolution No. 73-12**

Resolve to authorize the Village Officials listed below for undertakings in the amounts as follows:

VILLAGE CLERK	\$150,000.00
DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK	\$ 75,000.00
VILLAGE TREASURER	\$150,000.00
DEPUTY VILLAGE TREASURER	\$ 75,000.00
VILLAGE JUSTICE	\$ 50,000.00
ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE	\$ 25,000.00

Such undertakings will be in the form of a Bond of a Surety Company authorized to transact business in the State of New York and the expense thereof shall be a charge upon the Village of Mineola.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 74-12**

Resolved, under Section 82 of the Village Law designating the Village Clerk as COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENT and for the Village Clerk to be authorized to collect taxes and assessments of the Village.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 75-12**

Resolved, under Section 126A of the Village Law authorizing the Village Clerk and Collector of Taxes to be credited unpaid and uncollected taxes, if any, for the year 2012/2013.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 76-12**

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized and directed to affix his signature as MAYOR of the Incorporated Village of Mineola upon all checks drawn upon the Village funds, in addition to the signature of the Treasurer for the official year 2012/2013.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 77-12**

Resolved that in the absence or incapacitation of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor be authorized to sign all checks in the place and stead of the Mayor, in addition to the signature of the Treasurer for the official year 2012/2013.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 78-12**

Resolved to authorize the Treasurer as custodian of the Length of Service Award Program and the following persons as officers of the Length of Service Award Program:

Scott P. Strauss, Mayor

Lawrence A. Werther, Trustee  
Paul S. Cusato, Trustee  
Paul A. Pereira, Trustee  
George R. Durham, Trustee

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 79-12**

Resolved to authorize the following banks to be designated as DEPOSITORIES for deposits of all monies received by the Treasurer of the Village of Mineola:

CAPITAL ONE BANK	Mineola & Garden City Branches
FLUSHING COMMERCIAL BANK	Garden City Branch
M & T BANK	Garden City Branch
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	Mineola & Garden City Branches
SIGNATURE BANK	Garden City Branch
VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	Mineola Branch

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 80-12**

Resolved to appoint the *Mineola American* as the Official Village Newspaper.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 81-12**

Resolved to adopt the following policies for the Village of Mineola:

Computer Policy	Fraud Policy
Cellular Phone Policy	Investment Policy
Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy	Purchasing & Procurement Policy
Equal Employment Policy Statement	Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy
Fair Housing Policy	Vehicle Use Policy
Fixed Asset Policy	Workplace Violence Policy

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Acting Village Justice Richard M. O'Callaghan was sworn in by his daughter Jane.

Rabbi Anchel Perl of Congregation Beth Shalom offered a closing Benediction.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 PM.